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Letter dated 27 October 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you a note from the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Argentine Republic concerning the military exercises to be conducted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the area of the Malvinas Islands between 30 October and 3 November 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 46, concerning the question of the Malvinas Islands.

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Annex to the letter dated 27 October 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the unlawful military exercises to be conducted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the area of the Malvinas Islands between 30 October and 3 November 2017, which will include the launch of Rapier missiles.

As you are aware, the Argentine Republic has consistently rejected the conduct of these military exercises in Argentine territory unlawfully occupied by the United Kingdom, which is ignoring numerous resolutions of the United Nations and other international bodies that urge the two countries to resume negotiations, in order to find a peaceful and definitive solution to the sovereignty dispute.

The persistence of the United Kingdom in carrying out military manoeuvres in the South Atlantic is in violation, especially, of General Assembly resolution 31/49, which calls upon the two parties to refrain from introducing unilateral modifications in the situation while the negotiating process recommended by that Assembly proceeds.

The Argentine Republic reaffirms its sovereignty rights over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, which form an integral part of its national territory. It once again reiterates its permanent and constant willingness to negotiate, in accordance with international law and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations, and requests that the present note be circulated among the States Members of the Organization.